

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently amended) A wrapping material for a smokable rod, the wrapping material comprising:
 - a wire side surface and a felt side surface; and
 - a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,
 - wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.
2. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the filler material includes at least one water soluble salt.
- 3.. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 2, wherein the filler material includes sodium chloride.
4. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the water-based formulation includes a preservative.
5. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the water-based formulation includes an optical brightener.
6. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the filler material includes particles of calcium carbonate.

7. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the starch-based material includes starch.
8. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the starch-based material includes oxidized starch.
9. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the water-based formulation comprises less than about 50 percent water.
10. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, the pattern comprising at least two starch-based materials.
11. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, comprising a starch-based material derived from waxy maize starch.
12. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, comprising a starch-based material derived from tapioca starch.
13. (Original) The wrapping material of claim 1, comprising a starch-based material characterized as dextrin.
14. (Currently amended) A cigarette having a rod shape and a longitudinal axis, the cigarette comprising:
 - a column of smokable material;
 - a wrapping material having a wire side surface and a felt side surface circumscribing the smokable material such that the felt side surface of the wrapping material faces the smokable material; and
 - a pattern applied to the wire side surface of the wrapping material, the pattern (i) comprising at least one starch-based material and at least one filler material, and (ii) applied to the wrapping material as a water-based formulation,

wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

15. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the pattern comprises at least two virtually identical bands, each band encircling the tobacco column essentially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the cigarette, and the bands are spaced no less than 15 mm and no greater than 25 mm from inside adjacent edges of those bands.
16. (Original) The cigarette of claim 15, wherein each band has a width of about 5 mm to about 7 mm.
17. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the filler material includes at least one water soluble salt.
18. (Original) The cigarette of claim 17, wherein the filler material includes sodium chloride.
19. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the water-based formulation includes a preservative.
20. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the water-based formulation includes an optical brightener.
21. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the filler material includes particles of calcium carbonate.
22. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the starch-based material includes starch.
23. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the starch-based material includes oxidized starch.

24. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the water-based formulation comprises less than about 50 percent water, and the formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 10 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.
25. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, comprising at least two starch-based materials.
26. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, comprising a starch-based material derived from waxy maize starch.
27. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, comprising a starch-based material derived from tapioca starch.
28. (Original) The cigarette of claim 14, comprising a starch-based material characterized as dextrin.
29. (New) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 4 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.
30. (New) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a ployvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer.
31. (New) The wrapping material of claim 30, wherein the ployvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.
32. (New) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a surfactant-stabilized emulsion polymer or co-polymer.
33. (New) The wrapping material of claim 32, wherein the surfactant-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

34. (New) The wrapping material of claim 1, wherein the starch-based material comprises a cross-linked starch-based material comprising about 5 to 25 percent of the total weight of the starch-based material.

35. (New) The cigarette of claim 14, wherein the water-based formulation is dried after application to the wrapping material such that the formulation exhibits a moisture content of less than about 4 percent, based on the weight of the formulation.

36. (New) The cigarette material of claim 14, wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a ployvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion polymer or copolymer.

37. (New) The cigarette material of claim 36, wherein the ployvinylalcohol-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

38. (New) The cigarette material of claim 14, wherein the pattern further comprises the starch-base material mixed with a surfactant-stabilized emulsion polymer or co-polymer.

39. (New) The cigarette material of claim 38, wherein the surfactant-stabilized emulsion copolymer comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

40. (New) The cigarette material of claim 14, wherein the starch-based material comprises a cross-linked starch-based material comprising about 5 to 25 percent of the total weight of the starch-based material.